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College Works Painting

To Whom It May Concern:

I wanted to take a minuet to talk about my experience with College Works, and for those of you who are interested in the internship, I strongly recommend you take a minuet to read this. I am no longer with College Works Painting, and I can accurately reflect on the internship and provide a clear perspective for interested students and their parents.

Three years ago, a student approached me while I was in class. He asked me to fill out a card to get information on an internship that was running in my area that spring and summer. He said that the internship was geared around business and management, and that I would learn many aspects of being an entrepreneur. I wrote my name down.

After three interviews, one final interview with the Vice President of the state from College Works, I was hired. 20 years old, and I was hired to run and manage my own company – a painting company at that!

Four years later, I am now a business consultant working with Home Depot. I consult 27 individual painting companies throughout six states, which will produce over \$2.3million dollars in revenue in the first year of business. I am here because of College Works Painting.

The internship taught me how to manage my life. I have goals and aspirations, I bough my first house, went on my first real vacation without my parents, and know how to manage my money. All these values and skills can be taught to anyone, but when you work with people who live these values every day, that's when they are acquired.

So for students – When you are looking into College Works Painting, the opportunity and the challenge, make sure to think about what this will bring to you. There will be challenges in any venture you go into, but you must weigh those challenges with the reward they bring.

And, for parents – Think about what is best for you son or daughter. Where do you want them to be 1 year out of college? I know plenty of my peers who have a great degree that pays \$8.50 per hour now – you may be one of those yourself!

College Works Painting is not for everyone, but College Works is for those people who want to be someone. This is an opportunity to make good money, advance your skills, and learn to better yourself everyday.

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